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Coyote Ranger District Planned Prescribed Burns

(COYOTE, NM)—Fire managers will continue to treat hazardous fuels within two areas of the Coyote Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest, beginning Wednesday, April 12, 2006 as weather conditions permit.

Treating hazardous fuels in these areas now will reduce the potential for fire to burn more intensely, should an ignition occur in the future.

Mesa Camino Burn

- 3,000 acre burn, located 6 miles north of State Highway 96 near Forest Service Road 77. Fire Managers will apply fire within well defined boundaries to treat up to 200 acres per day.

Gallina Burn

- 450 acre pile and broadcast burn, located 1 mile south of State Highway 96 within the Wildland Urban Interface. Fire Managers will treat 50 acres per day.

Smoke released from the burns may be visible from the communities of Ghost Ranch, Rio Chama Monastery, Abiquiu, Gallina, Coyote and possibly Chama and Española.

For information on programs to assist homeowners reduce wildfire threat to communities, visit <http://www.firewise.org/communities> .

